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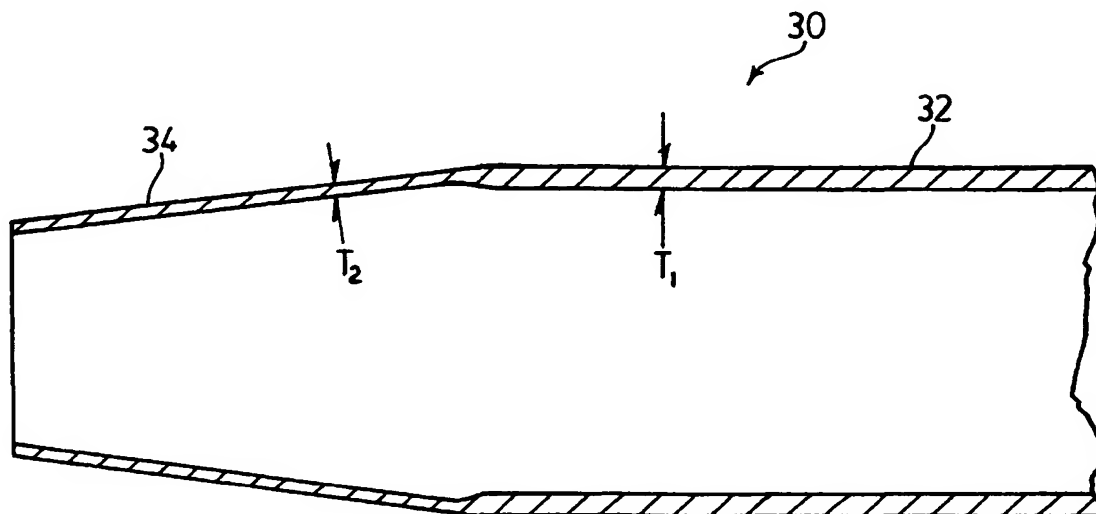
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(57) Abstract: A hollow structural member (30) for a vehicle is provided with a unitary energy absorbing end portion (34) having a reduced wall thickness (T₂), for deforming and absorbing the force of an impact, and a site for initiating such deformation. The initiation site preferably comprises a taper of the end section. A method for forming the structural members includes the steps of reducing the wall thickness of the member end section and subsequent tapering of the end section.

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